(This explanation is also inconsistent with long standing practice of the State Dept and other executive agencies. In March of 1966, Sen. Edward Kennedy protested the ordered surveillance of his political opponent, Harvard Prof Stuart Hughes. In a followup story, the lead story of its March 26 issue, with a banner headline across the top of p.1, the Washington Post said, in part: "... the Department's Passport Office, headed by Miss Frances Knight, placed Yale Professor Staughton Lynd under surveillance when he returned to the United States last December from an unauthorized trip to North Vietnam.

"The purpose of the surveillance was to obtain, among other things, a record of Lynd's 'anti-American statements,' which were to be used as grounds for revoking his passport.

"This apparently has been one of the objects of the surveillance tasks American Embassies have been assigned for the past 30 years or more..."